# Health News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## **Cowlitz County**

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Donald J. Zeller** (NA00197560) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of third degree child rape, one count of dealing in depictions of minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and two counts of possession of depictions of minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

# **Douglas County**

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **John A. McAlexander** (NA00199566) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries about an allegation he diverted medications from a patient.

## **Island County**

In September 2009 the Massage Therapy Program terminated the order of probation against **Anastasia M. Brencick** (MA00009346).

#### **King County**

In September 2009 the Dental Commission released dentist **Hilal Khan Ahmad** (DE00005778) from terms and conditions set against his license.

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In September 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Elzbieta E. Archibald** (LP00040513) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2009 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Duane Jones** (DE00006522) with unprofessional conduct. The orthodontic treatment he provided to a patient fell below the standard of care.

In September 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program released **Sally H. Lozano** (HC00141564) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kristi D. Richardson** (RN00089469) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly withdrew controlled substances for patients, and failed to document administration or wastage of the medications.

In September 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Tsitsi E. Smith** (LP00030190).

# **Kitsap County**

In September 2009 the Board of Physical Therapy reinstated the license of physical therapist **Kelly B. Campo** (PT00006092).

In September 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Suzette M. Zehrung** (RN00146791) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to document administration or wastage of hydrocodone for three patients.

# **Lewis County**

In September 2009 the Nursing Commission granted the application of registered nurse **Tera J. Pilon** (RN60093289) and put conditions on her license. She was convicted of reckless driving, and driving under the influence. She must comply with terms and conditions on her license.

#### **Lincoln County**

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Olivia D. Foley** (NC10090844) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took legend drugs for her own use and was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana, unlawful possession of a legend drug, and theft.

## **Mason County**

In September 2009 the Veterinary Board of Governors terminated the order of probation against veterinary technician **Jeananne Gallent** (AT00000797).

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# **Pierce County**

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Tiffany M. Quimby** (NC10093963) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of identity theft, two counts of forgery, and two counts of theft.

# **Snohomish County**

In September 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Kelly Renee De La Cruz** (HC60042579) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of identity theft, forgery, and theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Mimi O. Etherington** (LP00048872).

In August 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Nola Harb** (NA60072421). She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance.

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Chiedu C. Okeke** (NA00190284) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of attempted forgery, attempted possession of stolen property, and theft.

#### **Spokane County**

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Brandon M. Affre** (NC60001188) for certification as a nursing assistant. His registration to practice as a nursing assistant was suspended.

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Kyle D. Aiken** (NA60073670). He was convicted of child molestation, and theft.

In September 2009 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacy assistant **Xiang Y. Jing** (VB00059137).

In September 2009 the Board of Pharmacy released pharmacy technician **Tina K. Kelley** (VA00020327) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Larissa S. Mack** (RN00145423) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged Stacy S. Sale (NA00109667) with

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unprofessional conduct. Her pharmacy technician license was indefinitely suspended, and she allegedly failed to disclose the suspension on her nursing assistant reactivation application.

## **Thurston County**

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Chrystal D. Chipman** (NA00063833) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took a food stamp debit card from a patient for her own use.

In September 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Roberto Ramirez** (HC60101255) and placed conditions on his license. He was convicted of driving under the influence — alcohol. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

## **Walla Walla County**

In September 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Andrea L. Dressler** (RN00128337) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of six counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, three counts of forgery, and possession of a controlled substance — hydrocodone.

## **Out of State**

**Arizona:** In September 2009 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Shane G. Roberts** (RN00153880).

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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